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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/17/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03/29/01 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-23 are allowed. The examiner was unable to find relevant art preceding the applicants continuation date.

Regarding Claim 1, the prior art neither teaches nor fairly suggests an electronic still camera for capturing images that can be transferred to a service provider for storage, the electronic still camera comprising, an image sensor for capturing a plurality of images of scenes and for producing image signals representative of the corresponding scenes, an analog-to-digital converter for digitizing the image signals to produce digital images, a memory for storing a plurality of digital image files corresponding to the digital images, **a processor for controlling the transfer of the digital images from the memory and for producing a utilization file**, a display coupled to the memory for displaying at least one digital image, and a user interface for scrolling through the plurality of digital images stored in the memory in order to display and select particular digital images to be transferred to the service provider, wherein the **utilization file identifies at least one digital image file to be transferred to the service provider and account information** utilizable by the service provider in processing the at least one digital image file, and the processor stores the utilization file in the memory separate from the digital image files, as claimed in Claim 1.

Regarding Claim 8, the prior art neither teaches nor fairly suggests an electronic still camera for capturing images that can be transferred to a service provider for

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storage comprising an image sensor, an analog-to-digital converter, a removable memory, an internal memory, a processor, a display, and a user interface for scrolling through the plurality of digital images stored on the removable memory card in order to display and select particular digital images to be transferred to the service provider, wherein the utilization file includes the name of at least one digital image file to be transferred to the service provider and the processor stores the utilization file on the removable memory card separate from the digital image files, wherein **the user interface selects at least one group of users to provide permission to view the images stored by the service provider**, as claimed in Claim 8.

Regarding Claim 12, the prior art neither teaches nor fairly suggests an electronic still camera for capturing images that can be transferred to a service provider for storage comprising an image sensor, an analog-to-digital converter, a removable memory, an internal memory, a processor, a display, and a user interface for scrolling through the plurality of digital images stored on the removable memory card in order to display and select particular digital images to be transferred to the service provider, wherein the utilization file includes the name of at least one digital image file to be transferred to the service provider and the processor stores the utilization file on the removable memory card separate from the digital image files, wherein **the utilization file further includes a camera owner name and a mailing address of such camera owner**, as claimed in Claim 12.

Claim 14 is substantially similar to Claim 1.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacqueline Wilson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7322. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm (alternate Fridays off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wendy Garber can be reached on (571) 272-7308. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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